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SUBJ: FOLLOW-UP ON PUERTO RICO IN THE COMMITTEE OF 24

1. THROUGH INTENSIVE LOBBYING WE ACHIEVED A SATISFACTORY
OUTCOME IN COMMITTEE OF 24 CONSIDERATION OF PUERTO RICO
WHEN COMMITTEE DECIDED AUGUST 20 TO DEFER FURTHER CON-
SIDERATION OF ITEM UNTIL 1976. MALI WAS AMONG THOSE
NATIONS VOTING AGAINST DEFERRAL.

2. ALTHOUGH THIS WAS A "PROCEDURAL" DECISION, WHEN IT IS
VIEWED AGAINST THE BACKGROUND OF OUR APPROACH IN BAMAKO
AND THE SITUATION IN THE COMMITTEE, A VOTE AGAINST
POSTPONEMENT CAN ONLY REASONABLY BE CONSIDERED AS GIVING
FULL SUPPORT TO THE RESOLUTION AND AS EVIDENCE OF HAVING
BEEN READY TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF IT.

3. IN ORDER TO GET THE MESSAGE ACROSS TO GOM THAT WE MEAN
WHAT WE SAY WHEN WE TELL THEM BILATERAL RELATIONS WILL BE
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AFFECTED, YOU ARE INSTRUCTED:

(A) TO EXPRESS OFFICIALLY OUR SEVERE DISAPPOINTMENT
WITH THEIR OPPOSITION TO THE POSTPONEMENT OF A RESOLUTION
WHICH INVOLVED A FLAGRANT INTERFERENCE IN OUR AFFAIRS;

(B) TO SAY THAT WE REGARD THE OUTRIGHT REJECTION OF

OUR URGENT DEMARCHE AS AN ACT WHICH WILL NEGATIVELY
AFFECT OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS;

(C) TO SAY THAT WE CONSIDER THEM TO HAVE LINED UP
WITH THE COMMUNIST BLOC IN SUPPORT OF A DIRECT INFRINGE-
MENT ON VITAL US INTERESTS AND THAT THEY THEREBY DENY
THEMSELVES ANY CLAIM TO BE NON-ALIGNED.

4. FYI ONLY. THE MILITARY SALES PROGRAM WHICH HAS
CURRENTLY BEEN SUSPENDED IS NOW TO BE TERMINATED. NO
RPT NO NOTIFICATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO GOM OF THIS
DECISION WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT.
END FYI ONLY.

5. THE POINTS COVERED IN PARAS A, B AND C SHOULD BE
CONVEYED TO THE HIGHEST APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF GOM ASAP.
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